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For

CHAIR WITH FUNCTIONAL ARMREST

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Dear Sir:

## <u>UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(b)</u>

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application.

A copy of the listed foreign patent documents is attached. As the Office has waived the requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each U.S. patent application publication, a copy of the listed U.S. patents is not included with the submission of attached Form PTO 1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

English abstracts of the non-English documents are enclosed.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents.

- 1. DE 29809099 U1 appears to disclose an armrest.
- 2. DE 29901666 U1 appears to disclose an armrest.
- 3. DE 29508429 U1 appears to disclose an armrest.
- 4. DE 29910250 U1 appears to disclose an armrest.
- 5. DE 8814053 U1 appears to disclose an armrest.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not

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constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 16-2463.

Respectfully submitted,

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